

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
providing one or more lists, each list containing a plurality of video clips;
~~receiving processing input selecting a set of two or more of the plurality of video clips for presentation and a sequencing order, wherein the sequencing order is specified by a user-specified traversal of a decision tree having a plurality of decision nodes structured such that selecting a video clip at a first node constrains selection of video clips at a subsequent node;~~
creatingcausing, by a processor ~~prior to presentation~~, presentation of a composite video clip sequence comprising the set of the two or more of the plurality of video clips in the sequencing order, wherein each of the video clips is a component video clip of the composite video clip sequence, and wherein the causing presentation of the composite video clip sequence comprises initiating a first session to stream a first of the component video clips and a new session for each subsequent one of the component video clips, wherein each of the new sessions is initiated prior to completion of presentation of a preceding one of the component video clips;
and
~~causing presentation of the composite video clip sequence.~~
- 2-5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising: storing the composite video clip sequence to a storage medium.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the storage medium is included in a digital video recorder.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein causing presentation of the composite video clip sequence includes recognizing the completion of a current one of the component video clips and automatically commencing presentation of a subsequent one of the component video clips.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1, 8~~ ~~wherein causing presentation of the composite video clip sequence includes initiating a new session for a component video clip prior to completion of presentation of a previous component video clip~~ further comprising:

processing a request to fast forward or rewind a current one of the component video clips being presented;

identifying a clip boundary during fast forwarding or rewinding of the current component video clip; and

in response to the identifying, stopping presentation of the current component video clip and beginning presentation of a next one of the component video clips in the composite video clip sequence.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~wherein creating the composite video clip sequence includes~~ further comprising creating a video file such that each of the component video clips is a segment of the video file.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein transitioning between the component video clips is accomplished by moving to specific time codes within the video file.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~wherein creating the composite video clip sequence includes~~ further comprising concatenating each of the video clips of the selected set of two or more video clips.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising: including component video clip metadata in or with the composite video clip.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the component clip metadata is a uniform resource locator.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising: inserting additional component video clips in the composite video clip sequence.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the additional component video clips are automatically inserted in the composite video clip sequence based upon a set of predefined rules.

17. (Currently Amended) A ~~machine-readable medium-memory~~ having stored thereon executable instructions which when executed by a processor cause ~~a method to be performed, the method comprising an apparatus at least to perform:~~

providing a list containing a plurality of video clips;

receiving input selecting a set of two or more of the plurality of video clips for presentation and a sequencing order, ~~wherein the sequencing order is specified by a user-specified traversal of a decision tree having a plurality of decision nodes structured such that selecting a video clip at a first node constrains selection of video clips at a subsequent node;~~

~~creating, prior to presentation, causing presentation of~~ a composite video clip sequence comprising the set of the two or more of the plurality of video clips in the sequencing order, wherein each of the video clips is a component video clip of the composite video clip sequence, wherein the causing presentation of the composite video clip sequence comprises initiating a first session to stream a first of the component video clips and a new session for each subsequent one of the component video clips, wherein each of the new sessions is initiated prior to completion of presentation of a preceding one of the component video clips; and
~~causing presentation of the composite video clip sequence.~~

18-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine-readable medium-memory~~ of claim 17 further comprising: storing the composite video clip sequence to a storage medium.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine-readable medium-memory~~ of claim 22 wherein the storage medium is included in a digital video recorder.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine-readable medium-memory~~ of claim 17 wherein ~~causing presentation of the composite video clip sequence includes the executable instructions which when executed by the processor cause the apparatus to recognizing-recognize the completion of a current one of the component video clips and automatically commencing~~ commence presentation of a subsequent one of the component video clips.

25. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine-readable medium-memory~~ of claim 24 wherein causing presentation of the composite video clip sequence ~~includes initiating a new session for a component video clip prior to completion of presentation of a previous component video clip~~ further comprises:

processing a request to fast forward or rewind a current one of the component video clips being presented;

identifying a clip boundary during fast forwarding or rewinding of the current component video clip; and

in response to the identifying, stopping presentation of the current component video clip and beginning presentation of a next one of the component video clips in the composite video clip sequence.

26. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine-readable medium-memory~~ of claim 17 wherein ~~creating the composite video clip sequence includes the executable instructions which when executed by the processor cause the apparatus to creating-create~~ a video file such that each component video is a segment of the video file.

27. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine-readable medium-memory~~ of claim 26 wherein the executable instructions which when executed by the processor cause the apparatus to transition between component video clips is accomplished by moving to specific time codes within the video file.

28. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine-readable medium-memory~~ of claim 17 wherein ~~creating the composite video clip sequence includes the executable instructions which when~~

executed by the processor cause the apparatus to ~~concatenating~~ concatenate each of the video clips of the selected set of two or more video clips.

29. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine-readable medium-memory~~ of claim 17 ~~further comprising: wherein the executable instructions which when executed by the processor cause the apparatus to~~ including-include component video clip metadata in the composite video clip sequence.

30. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine-readable medium-memory~~ of claim 29 wherein the component clip metadata is a uniform resource locator.

31. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine-readable medium-memory~~ of claim 17 ~~further comprising: wherein the executable instructions which when executed by the processor cause the apparatus to~~ including-include additional component video clips in the composite video clip sequence.

32. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine-readable medium-memory~~ of claim 31 wherein the additional component video clips are automatically included in the composite video clip sequence based upon a set of predefined rules.

33. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a server configured to store video content, the video content including a plurality of video clips; and

a user terminal communicatively coupled to the server, the user terminal comprising a processor and executable instructions which, when executed cause the user terminal to perform operations comprising:

~~providing access to the plurality of video clips;~~

receiving a selection of a set of two or more video clips of the plurality of video clips for presentation,

receiving input specifying a sequencing order for the set of selected video clips;
~~wherein the sequencing order is specified by a user-specified traversal of a decision tree having a~~

~~plurality of decision nodes structured such that selecting a video clip at a first node constrains selection of video clips at a subsequent node,~~

~~causing presentation of creating, prior to presentation, a composite video clip sequence comprising the set of the two or more of the plurality of video clips in the sequencing order, wherein each of the video clips is a component video clip of the composite video clip sequence, and wherein the causing presentation of the composite video clip sequence comprises initiating a first session to stream a first of the component video clips and a new session for each subsequent one of the component video clips, wherein each of the new sessions is initiated prior to completion of presentation of a preceding one of the component video clips—
—causing presentation of the composite video clip sequence.~~

34-37. (Cancelled)

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33 further comprising: a storage medium configured to store the composite video clip sequence.

39. (Original) The system of claim 38 wherein the storage medium is included in a digital video recorder.

40. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 33 wherein the executable instructions, when executed, cause the user terminal to recognize the completion of a current one of the component video clips and automatically commence presentation of a subsequent one of the component video clips.

41. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 33 wherein the executable instructions, when executed, cause the user terminal to ~~initiate a new session for a component video clip prior to completion of presentation of a previous component video clip;~~

process a request to fast forward or rewind a current one of the component video clips being presented;

identify a clip boundary during fast forwarding or rewinding of the current component video clip; and

in response to the identifying, stop presentation of the current component video clip and begin presentation of a next one of the component video clips in the composite video clip sequence.

42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33 wherein the executable instructions, when executed, cause the user terminal to create a video file such that each component video is a segment of the video file.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 42 wherein transition between component video clips is accomplished by moving to specific time codes within the video file.

44. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33 wherein the executable instructions, when executed, cause the user terminal to transmit a list of video clip identifiers to the server, the video clip identifiers corresponding to the selected set of two or more video clips, and the server concatenates the identified video clips to form the composite video clip.

45. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33 further comprising: a video list manager that includes component video clip metadata in the composite video clip sequence.

46. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 45 wherein the component video clip metadata is a uniform resource locator.

47. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33 further comprising: an operator control system configured to automatically include additional component video clips in the composite video clip sequence based upon a set of predefined rules.

48. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a processor; and
a machine-readable medium having stored thereon executable instructions which, when executed, cause the apparatus at least to perform:
providing one or more lists, each list containing a plurality of video clips;

receiving input selecting a set of two or more of the plurality of the video clips for presentation and a sequencing order, ~~wherein the sequencing order is specified by a user-specified traversal of a decision tree having a plurality of decision nodes structured such that selecting a video clip at a first node constrains selection of the video clips at a subsequent node;~~

initiating a first session to stream a first of the video clips from the set based on the sequencing order; and

initiating a new session for each subsequent one of the video clips in the set based on the sequencing order, wherein each of the new sessions is initiated prior to completion of presentation of a preceding one of the video clips in the set~~creating, prior to presentation, a composite video clip sequence comprising the set of the two or more of the plurality of video clips in the sequencing order, wherein each of the video clips is a component video clip of the composite video clip sequence; and~~

~~causing presentation of the composite video clip sequence.~~

49. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the executable instructions, when executed, cause the apparatus to recognize the completion of a current one of the ~~component-video clips~~ and automatically commence presentation of a subsequent one of the ~~component-video clips~~.

50. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the executable instructions, when executed, cause the apparatus to ~~initiate a new session for a component video clip prior to completion of presentation of a previous component video clip;~~

process a request to fast forward or rewind a current one of the video clips being presented;

identify a clip boundary during fast forwarding or rewinding of the current video clip;
and

in response to the identifying, stop presentation of the current video clip and begin presentation of a next one of the video clips in the set based on the sequencing order.

51. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the executable instructions, when executed, cause the apparatus to concatenate each of the video clips of the selected set of two or more video clips.

52. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the executable instructions, when executed, cause the apparatus to include ~~component~~-video clip metadata in or with each of the ~~composite~~-video clip in the set.

53. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the executable instructions, when executed, cause the apparatus to insert at least one additional ~~component~~-video ~~clips~~ clip in the ~~composite video clip sequence~~set.